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MINUTES

Recreation Commission
Nov. 1, 2021

A Recreation Commission meeting was held on Nov. 1, 2021 via Zoom. Commissioners in attendance were Kayla Cushman, Gina Dalan and Chris Bishop. Jen Andersen and Kerri Arsenault were also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order** - At 7:04pm, Ms. Dalan called the meeting to order.
2. **Little Library Presentation**- Max Quinn spoke to the commissioners about her idea to place a little library at Silver Lake Beach. She mentioned putting it on a post or attach it to one of the buildings at Silver Lake Beach. She has already started construction on the little library. She said the books will be donated from a local library and her personal collection. Ms. Andersen said attaching it to one of the buildings was a viable option. Ms. Dalan thought it would be well used in the summer time. Ms. Bishop wondered what age group it would be for. Ms. Quinn said children and young teens. Ms. Andersen asked Ms. Quinn how she would maintain and monitor the book selections. Ms. Quinn said she could check on it during the week or some weekends. She will add weather proofing materials to her construction.
3. **Approval of Minutes**- Ms. Cushman made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Ms. Bishop seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0. The motion passed.
4. **Review of Bills**- Bills reviewed.
5. **Correspondence**- No correspondence.
6. **Commissioners Update: CPC, OSRP**-
7. **Director's Report**- Ms. Andersen informed the commissioners that the Scarecrow Contest on Oct. 17th had 30 families arrive on the common to decorate a scarecrow. The winner was announced earlier in the day. Oct. 18th was the town meeting where the plans to design 95 North St. passed after a lengthy conversation. Oct. 24th was the Pumpkin Decorating event at Houlden Farm which went great. Roughly 150 people arrived to decorate a pumpkin and all had a great time. Nov. 13th is the Turkey Challenge. It will be a hybrid of QR codes and physical challenges. A survey was sent inquiring about Adult Recess type games on select Friday nights. There were a lot of good responses from the survey. Katie and Evan from the Summer Day Program will be back on select Friday nights and Saturdays for dodgeball and camp games Dec. 5th is GCTH and half of the frosty stops of a normal year will return this year. Ms. Andersen said she met with the Historical Commission about the decorations on the common for GCTH. She said they thought "less is more" and wouldn't like to see lights on the gazebo roof, pathway lighting, the flagpole tree or colored lights. Ms. Andersen will relocate the flagpole tree elsewhere if she is able. She is working on ideas for Santa's arrival without a tree lighting. Ms. Andersen asked the commissioners if they wanted to ask the Select Board if they were in favor of more light options. Ms. Dalan stated that GCTH has been a tradition for so long and families look forward to it every year. She

would like to inquire further about more light options and she stated she thought the pole tree was a good substitute for the missing tree. Ms. Bishop was in favor of asking the Select Board their opinion. Ms. Cushman was undecided. Ms. Andersen stated she can move forward with wrapping the lamp posts. Ms. Andersen asked the commissioners what they wanted to see on the common and the response was walkway lights and the flag pole tree. Ms. Cushman noted she agreed with no colored lights and just having white lights. Ms. Andersen noted the Historical Commission offered to help decorate this year if needed.

8. - At 7:57pm, Ms. Bishop made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cushman seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0. The motion passed.